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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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SUB: MIN JUSTICE ATTACKS BAR COUNCIL STAND ON NEW
SECURITY BILL

REF: CAPE TOWN 0581

1. REASON FOR UNWILLINGNESS OF CAPE BAR COUNCIL TO ASSIST
EMBASSY (REFTEL) MADE MORE APPARENT BY BITING CRITICISM OF
CAPE AND JOHANNESBURG COUNCILS VOICED IN PARLIAMENT MAY 13
BY MIN JUSTICE KRUGER. DURING DEBATE ON NEW STATE SECURITY
BILL KRUGER REJECTED "MEDDLING" OF BAR ASSOCIATIONS,
CRITICIZED THEM FOR GETTING INVOLVED IN POLITICS AND FOR
"INTERFERING WITH LEGISLATION WHICH IS STILL UNDER
CONSIDERATION" (BY ISSUING STATEMENTS REPORTED IN CAPE TOWN 564.)

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, FREE STATE DIVISION OF SOCIETY
OF ADVOCATES ISSUED STATEMENT MAY 13 NOTING THAT IT WAS
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"DEEPLY PERTURBED" BY PROVISIONS OF BILL WHICH WOULD

ALLOW INDIVIDUALS TO BE HELD INDEFINITELY IN PRISON BY
DECISION OF EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY.

3. NO RESPONSE AS YET FROM CAPE OR JOHANNESBURG COUNCILS
HAS BEEN REPORTED. MAY 14 CAPE TOWN ARGUS EDITORIALIZED,
HOWEVER, THAT COUNCILS WERE SIMPLY AND CORRECTLY DOING
THEIR DUTY TO HELP MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS AND PROPER
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. ARGUS REJECTED KRUGER'S
CHARGES AS "ILLOGICAL-", "UNREASONABLE" AND "UNWARRANTED".

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